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TOPIC 1. Shipments to Peenemuende

2. Flying Activity at Peenemuende Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 19 April 1950, a train of four German railroad tank cars and two flatcars loaded with tank trucks, was ferried from Wolgast (N 55/P 92) to Zinnowitz (N 55/L 02) and from there went to Peenemuende (N 55/P 83). (1) The train was guarded by 12 Soviet infantrymen.

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A railway man in Wolgast said that similar shipments were regularly ferried at 10-day intervals.

2. At 10:50 p.m. on 20 April 1950 a twin-engine plane took off and headed toward the sea. The runway was illuminated. At 11:45 p.m. on 20 April, and at 12:10 a.m. on 21 April 1950, one conventional fighter each took off, circled over Peenemuende until 12:50 a.m., then headed east. Two searchlights at the field were in operation. At 2 a.m. on 21 April 1950 a plane, definitely not a fighter, landed at the field while the runway was illuminated. At 6 a.m. on 21 April 1950 a single-engine fighter landed at the field. (3) An east-bound jet fighter flew over the Peenemuende area at 10 a.m. on 21 April 1950.

3. Firing with machine guns and carbines was practiced in the restricted area at Peenemuende on 24 April 1950. One conventional fighter took off between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Twelve empty four-axle railroad flatcars were shipped to the mainland on the Wolgast ferry. A railway man said that the flatcars, loaded with large boxes and one mobile railroad crane, were shipped to Peenemuende five days before. (4)

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Comments

(1) It is possible that the tank trucks shipped by rail were

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filled with fuel for jet planes. It was previously observed at other airfields that jet planes were refueled from tank trucks. Previous reports indicated that full tank trucks were shipped by rail from Dresden to various airfields. [redacted] The fuel dump where the tank trucks are refilled is possibly located in Dresden.

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- (3) The flying activity observed confirms the presence of fighters. Two fighter regiments and the headquarters of a fighter division are believed to be stationed in Peenemuende. The third component regiment of the fighter division is stationed in Neubrandenburg.
- (4) The railroad flatcars may have been used for shipping crated jet planes. Such shipments were reported by other sources. The exact number of jet planes in Peenemuende is not known.

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